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Dear Messrs. Rasmussen and Hamrick:

Re: Plutonium Uranium Extraction Facility (PUREX) Preclosure Work Plan, DOE/RL- 44983  
96-98, Revision 0

The Washington State Department of Ecology has reviewed the referenced document and has the following comments:

1. Page 1-1, line 20: Add at the end of the paragraph, "A closure plan for the PUREX Tunnels will be prepared at the same time that a PUREX Facility closure plan is prepared."
2. Page 1-1, line 42: Add a new sentence after "... dangerous waste." "The preclosure phase of the PUREX Facility relies on the successful completion of the end point criteria to leave the facility in an as-left state to ensure deactivation is complete."
3. Page 1-2, line 3: Add at end of the paragraph, "... and the environment, per WAC 173-303-610 (2)."
4. Page 1-2: Add a new paragraph, "Disposition of Solid Waste Management Units that existed and were cleaned-up, or still exist, will be included in the closure plan."
5. Page 2-5, line 45: Make the sentence read, "... subject to the requirements of WAC 173-303-400 (40 CFR 265, Subpart DD)."

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6. Page 3.5, line 45: Add to the end of the first sentence, "... requirements (WAC 173-303-400 [40 CFR 265.1101.(c) (4)})."

7. Page 6-1, lines 17 -20: Change the sentence to read, "If required, post-closure care requirements documented in a post-closure plan and integrated ...."

8. Page 7-1, line 14: Change the word "closure" to "deactivation."

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (509) 736-5702.

Sincerely,



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